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SAINT LOUIS BLUES



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St. Louis Blues

Ukulele in D Tuning

Words and Music by
W. C. HANDY

Piano

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in D major, 4/4 time. The piano part features a mix of chords and moving lines in both hands. The vocal melody enters in the third measure. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff, with some words in a dialect (e.g., 'de', 'dat', 'Lak'). The score includes two verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues throughout, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines.

I hate to see— de ev'nin' sun go down—
 Been to de Gypsy to get ma for - tune tole—
 You ought to see— dat stovepipe brown of mine—

Hate to see— de eve-nin' sun go down.
 To de Gypsy done got ma for - tune tole.
 Lak he owns de Di-mon Jos - eph line.

Cause my ba-by, — he done lef dis town —
 Cause I'm most wile — 'bout ma Jel - ly Roll —
 He'd make a cross - eyed o' man go stone blind —

Feel - in' to - mor - row lak — Ah feel to - day —
 Gyp - sy done tole — me, "don't — you wear no black" —
 Black - er than mid - night, teeth — lak flags of truce —

Feel to - mor - row lak — Ah feel to - day —
 Yes she done tole me "don't — you wear no black" —
 Black - est man in — de whole St. Louis —

I'll pack my trunk — Make ma get a - way — St. Lou - is
 Go to St. Louis — You can win him back — Help me to
 Black - er de ber-ry — Sweet - er is the juice — A - bout a

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wo - man — Wid her dia - mon' rings — Pulls dat
Cai - ro — make St. Louis by ma - self — Git to
crap game — he knows a pow' - ful lot — But when

man roun' — by her a - pron strings — 'Twant for
Cai - ro — find ma ole friend Jeff, — Gwine to
work-time comes he's on de dot — Gwine to

pow - der — an' for store bought hair — De
pin - ma self close to — his side — If ah
ask him — for a cold - ten spot — What it

man I love — would not gone no - where. —
flag his train - I sho' can ride. —
takes to git it - he's cer - th - ly got.

Chorus

Got de St. Lou - is Blues jes as blue as— Ah— can be —
 I— loves dat man lak a school boy— loves— his pie —
 A— black head - ed gal make a freight train— jump— the track —
 Lawd a blonde head - ed wom - an makes a good— man— leave the town —
 Oh ash - es to ash - es and dust to dust

Dat man got a heart lak a rock cast in the —
 Lak a Ken - tuck - y Col' - nel — loves his mint an' —
 Said a black head - ed gal make a freight train jump the —
 I said blonde head - ed wom - an makes a good man leave the —
 I said ash - es to ash - es and dust to —

sea — Or— else he wouldn't have gone— so far— from —
 rye, — Ill— love ma ba - by— till— the day— Ah —
 track — But a long tall gal makes a — preach - er— ball the —
 town — But a red head wom - an makes a boyslap his— pa - pa —
 dust — If my blues don't get you— my— jazz - ing —

Spoken

me. Dog-gone-it! me.
 die. die.
 Jack. Jack.
 down. down.
 must. must.

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